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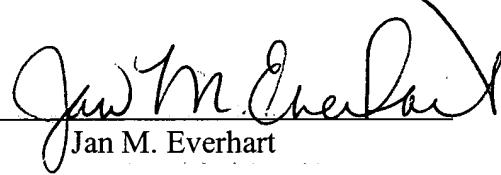
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**REPLY**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, Applicant herein submits a Reply.

If any fees are required for Reply, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.